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Applicant : Christos J. Petropoulos  
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For : PRODUCTION OF INFECTIOUS HEPADNAVIRUS PARTICLES  
CONTAINING FOAMY RETROVIRUS ENVELOPE PROTEINS AND  
METHODS OF USING THE SAME

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, applicant would like to direct the Examiner's attention to the following disclosures, which are listed on Form PTO-1449 (**Exhibit A**). A copy of the disclosures listed below as items 1-4 are attached as **Exhibits 1-4**.

1. U.S. Patent No. 5,837,464 (Capon et al.) issued November 17, 1998;
2. U.S. Patent No. 6,150,138 (Lindemann et al.) issued November 21, 2000;
3. Hill et al., Properties Of Human Foamy Virus Relevant To Its Development As A Vector For Gene Therapy, Journal of General Virology, Vol. 80, No. 8, pages 2003-2009 (August 1999); and
4. Eastmann et al., Identification Of A Conserved Residue Of Foamy Virus Gag Required For Intracellular Caspid Assembly,

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Journal of Virology, Vol. 75, No. 15, pages 6857-6864  
(August 2001).

PCT International Application No. PCT/US02/19929, filed June 21, 2002 is a foreign counterpart application of the subject application. A Search Report was issued on September 19, 2002 in connection with PCT/US02/19929. A copy of the Search Report is attached hereto as **Exhibit B**. The above listed references 1-4 were cited in the Search Report.

If a telephone interview would be of assistance in advancing prosecution of the subject application, applicant's undersigned attorneys invite the Examiner to telephone them at the number provided below.

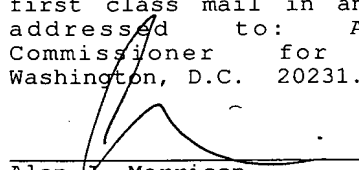
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